



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Claus OXVIG

U.S. App. No.: 09/983,025
Filing Date: October 22, 2001
For: PREGNANCY-ASSOCIATED PLASMA...

Art Unit:

Washington, D.C.
January 14, 2002

Docket No.: OXVIG=1A

1/12/02

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend

as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 5-10, 17-19, 42, 53, 59, and 65-67 as follows

5. (Amended) A polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the complementary strand of said polynucleotide hybridizes, under stringent conditions, with a polynucleotide comprising the coding sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

6. (Amended) A polynucleotide according to claim 1 and comprising a nucleotide sequence which encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

7. (Amended) A polynucleotide according to claim 1, said polynucleotide comprising the complementary strand of a

B1